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INTRODUCING Outpatient Itemized Billing

overview

Outpatient Itemized Billing will be implemented at Military Treatment Facilities in 2002. This will mean a move away from all-inclusive outpatient charges to line-item charges that reflect the actual care and procedures received during an outpatient encounter. This new methodology will parallel the industry standards used by civilian providers and hospitals. You will find the ABCs-Answers, Benefits, and Changes of Itemized Billing in this brochure.

Please contact your Business Office at _____ for additional information.

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...coming soon.

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Itemized Billing is Coming !

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What is outpatient itemized billing...

a new billing methodology that will apply to all reimbursable programs within the Uniform Business Office including Third Party Collection Program (TPC), Medical Services Account (MSA), and Medical Affirmative Claims (MAC) AND…

• All outpatient services and procedures will be broken out and billed separately (lab, rad, pharm)

• Professional charges will be broken out and line-item charges will be based on procedures actually performed

• Modifiers will be incorporated to further define certain procedures

• There will likely be a minimum of 2 claim forms generated: a UB-92 and CMS-1500

• Additional claim forms will be generated to support the MSA program

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There are various benefits associated with Outpatient Itemized Billing...

• MTF claims with itemized charges will be more readily accepted by payers

• Better reimbursements

• Faster turnaround times

• Increased collections

With proper business office efficiencies and re-engineering, MTFs will be able to adapt to these upcoming changes taking place in billing.

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Outpatient Itemized Billing will mean changes to the MTFs...

• Accurate documentation and coding will be key and essential

• MTFs must institute Compliance Programs to ensure correct documentation and coding practices

• More claims generated

• System changes to CHCS, ADM, and TPOCS

• Training for MTF staff